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E.O. 11652: GDS
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REGARDING THE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE OF OUR 9808 ON THE MOOD OF MOSCOW'S JEWISH DISSIDENTS, WE HAD IN MIND THAT SOME REFUSEMIKS HAS HOPED THE 25TH CONGRESS WOULD MARK THE BEGINNING OF A MORE FORTHCOMING VISA POLICY, BUT THE DECLINE IN EXIT VISAS ISSUED IN APRIL AND MAY, AS COMPARED TO MARCH,MAY HAVE SHATTERED THIS HOPE. IT IS OF COURSE TRUE, AS YOUR COMMENT SUGGESTS, THAT THE OVERALL RATE OF VISA ISSUANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR IS HIGHER THAN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR: JAN--MAY, 1976, AS ABOUT 12 PERCENT ABOVE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.
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